

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Indiana Regulated Amusement Device
Safety Board
Held At
Indiana Government Center South
402 W. Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204
Conference Room 130

July 10, 2014

1. The meeting of the Indiana Regulated Amusement Device Safety Board was called to order by Ted Bumbleburg, Vice-Chairman, at 1:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, on July 10, 2014. A quorum was found to be present.

(a) The following Board members were present:

Ted Bumbleburg, Lafayette Parks Department
David Dahl, Midwestern Engineers
Max Fitzpatrick, Indiana Fair Association
Lee Geiling, K & K Insurance
Danny Huston, Mid America Shows
Tom Hendricks, Chief, Elevator and Amusement Safety Section

The following Board members were not present:

Tim Bohlander, Poor Jack Amusements
Terrance Hoffman, American Amusement Rides LLC

(b) The following departmental staff were present

Mara Snyder, Counsel, Indiana Department of Homeland Security

2. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

The floor was opened for nominations for the position of Chairman. Ted Bumbleburg was nominated, and the nomination seconded. It was voted upon and carried. Lee Geiling was nominated for the position of Vice-Chairman, and the nomination seconded. It was voted upon and carried.

3. Minutes

Chairman Bumbleburg asked for a motion to approve, or for any corrections to be made to, the minutes of the October 3, 2013, meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as submitted. It was voted upon and approved.

4. Old Business

Discussion concerning legislative action to amend the statutory definition of “regulated amusement devices” was held. It was determined that no legislative contacts had yet been made, and a request was made to advise staff immediately if that changed. While the uncertain effect upon not-for-profits and use on public/government land is as of yet undetermined, the members of the Board felt it important to go forward with regulation of inflatable amusement devices. Max Fitzpatrick stated that he would reach out to his state representative.

5. New Business

A discussion was held on zip line devices. It had been decided previously to pursue a non-rule policy concerning zip lines. Ms. Snyder noted that her chain-of-command had felt that a rule-making approach to establishing the regulation of zip lines would be a better approach. Discussion was then held concerning guidelines which could be posted to the website for public education. Tom Hendricks had been researching training for his inspectors for zip lines, and had found the Professional Ropes Course Association which had posted guidelines, and provides training for operators. It was also noted that ASTM has a set of guidelines which can be adopted as well.

Ms. Snyder was asked to draft a request for an exemption from the rules moratorium, and to produce, for the October 15th meeting, a draft of guidelines for inflatable amusement devices.

6. Report from Chief Inspector

Tom Hendricks, Chief, Elevator and Amusement Safety Section, reported that the spring season had been a busy one, with lots of ride inspections. He noted that the big push would be the upcoming State Fair, with at least two inspectors on the grounds during each day of the run of the fair.

He reported that there had been an accident last week at the Wabash County Fair. A special needs person had been injured when his chaperone had misjudged a step and fallen while removing him from a ride, sending both to the ground. The landing had been set up per manufacturer's specifications.

Mr. Hendricks reported that the sky ride at the Indianapolis Zoo Orangutan exhibit had not yet been opened. They had been working on it since the first of this year, and had run into zoning issues recently. He noted that of the 18 proposed cars, only 8 had been hung on the tramway to date, and that the zoo was intent on making sure everything was in perfect working order before they opened it to the public.

7. Update On Appointments and Vacancies

Ms. Snyder noted there had recently been a number of changes made in the Governor's staff and organizational make-up, so that was new leadership of the position concerning boards and commissions. She assured the Board that the Regulated Amusement Device Safety Board vacancy issue was on the list for the new staff members, and would be addressed soon.

8. Adjourn

Calling for any further business and hearing none, Chairman Bumbleburg closed the meeting at 1:54 p.m.

APPROVED

Ted Bumbleburg, Chairman